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In the Application of:

**Loren J. Veltrop**

Art Unit: **1761**

Serial No.: **10/080,782**

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Filed: **February 22, 2002**

For: **Apparatus and Method for Maintaining  
Cooked Food in a Ready-to-Serve  
Condition Using a Freestanding Cover  
For Food Trays**

**TRANSMITTAL LETTER**

Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

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Respectfully Submitted,

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**INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT**

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Dear Sir:

Pursuant to the duty of disclosure provided by 35 C.F.R. § 1.56 and §§ 1.97-98, the applicant wishes to make the following references of record in the above-identified application. As these references were submitted in the parent application, copies of the references are not being submitted herewith. These references are also listed in the enclosed Form PTO-1449. It is requested that the documents be given careful consideration and that they be cited of record in the prosecution history of the present application so that they will appear on the face of the patent issuing from the present application.

Portions of the references may be material to the examination of the pending claims, however no such admission is intended. 37 C.F.R. 1.97 (h). The references have not been reviewed in sufficient detail to make any other representation and, in particular, no

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### **CITED REFERENCES**

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1. Thermodyne Precision Conduction Cooking System Model 2000-D specifications, Thermodyne Foodservice Products, Inc., Fort Wayne, Indiana, 1991.

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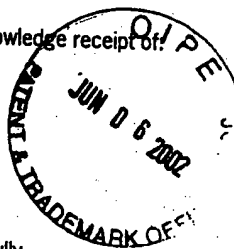
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